(c) and (d) Small scale industrial units are also considered for development of items which fall within their capacity. The participation of small scale industry in the *ab initio* developmental contracts value-wise is between 20 to 30 per cent.

Small arms and ammunitions manufactured by Ordnance Factories

3136. SHRI SOM PAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of small arms and ammunitions being manufactured by Ordnance Factories;

(b) whether there is a proposal to increase production of these arms and supply these to the Ministry of Home Affairs, State Governments and also to sell in the open market;

(c) if so, whether some study has been conducted as to how much would be the demand; and ;

(d) if so what are the details/estimates?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) Details of small arms and ammunitions being manufactured in Ordnance Factories, are given in the enclosed statement. (*See* below)

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Information asked for being of a classified nature, it will not be in public interest to disclose it.

Statement

Small Arms

1. Gun Machine 7.62 mm IB (New)
2. Gun Machine 7.62 mm MAG
3. Sub Machine Gun 9 mm Carbine 1A1
4. Sub Machine Gun 9 mm Carbine 2A1 (SL)
5. 12 Bore DBBL Short Gun.
6. .32" Revolver.
7. Rifle 7.62 mm 1A1 (SLR)
8. Rifle 7.62 mm IC
9. Pistol Auto 9 mm.

Small Arm Ammunitions

1. Cartridge 7.62 mm Type HD; BDR, CTN, Tracer M-62, Blank LA, NATO Ball M-80.
2. Cartridge 9 mm Type Tracer, Ball.
3. Cartridge 0.22" Type RF Ball.
4. Cartridge 0.22" Type RF Tracer.
5. Cartridge 0.50" Spotter.
6. Cartridge 0.50" RMG.

Returning of decorations by IPKF Officers

3137. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some IPKF officers had returned the decorations in protest against widespread criticism of the role of IPKF in Sri Lanka; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the names of such IPKF officers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) and (b) One Army officer, Lt. Gen. S. C. Sardesh-Pande, since retired who had served in the IPKF had returned to the Army HQrs, in April 1990 his Uttam Yuddh Seva Medal which was conferred on him in January 1989. He did this in the context of the criticism in Tamil Nadu of the role of the IPKF in Sri Lanka. Since there is no provision for returning of such awards, the medal was handed back to the General Officer.

Ban on institutions not empowered to Award Degrees

3138. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1566 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 21st August, 1990 and